

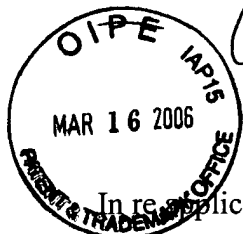
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The references cited on the attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each foreign reference is enclosed.

The references were cited in a European Search Report for EP 03020017.4, the European patent application which corresponds to this application. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed so that the examiner may refer to it when deciding the relevance of the references.

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